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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 123 MELTON Family Papers**

2 boxes. 20 folders. 218 items. 1807-1964. Originals.

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***BIOGRAPHY***

The Melton family moved to Henderson County, Kentucky, from Rutherford County, North Carolina in 1826. Charles W. Melton (1836-1895) married Rosanna Lee Melton (1840-1920), the daughter of Spencer and Isabella C. Melton, on October 1, 1861. Their children were: Sarah E. (1862-1939), Elijah S. (1864-1952), Cynthia I. "Sibbie" (1866-1923), Archibald E. (1868-1955) and Fernando (1871-1872). Charles W. was a prominent entrepreneur in the area, and in the latter part of the nineteenth century served as postmaster in Cairo, Kentucky. Many of the family members are buried in the Salem Cemetery in Henderson County.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This small collection contains the letters, financial and legal papers, of several members of the Melton, Poole, Strum, and Lively families of Henderson County and Webster County, Kentucky. Most of the correspondence relates to family matters. Of particular interest is a letter from E.Y. Berry of Chilicothe, Missouri, to Charles W. Melton, in which he makes comments about the religious ramifications of the Civil War and his prediction of another war being necessary. Also of interest is a humorous "mock" diploma given to J. V. Stephens in 1860, signed by the principal "J. Dunccecap".

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>1836-1954</b>	<b>148 items</b>
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Folder 2	Melton and Edwards - Business papers and ledger	1917-1947 4 items

Folder 3	Melton family - Correspondence	1842-1898	18 items
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Folder 5	Charles W. Melton - Account book	1876-1881	1 item
Folder 6	Charles W. Melton - Correspondence and farm diary	1860-1881	9 items
Folder 7	Elijah S. Melton - Correspondence and financial records	1874-1924	12 item
Folder 8	James William Melton - Account book for distillery	1858-1863	1 item
Folder 9	Sarah Melton - Autograph book	1887-1891	1 item
Folder 10	Cynthia I. "Sibbie" Melton - Incoming letters	1903-1923	26 items
Folder 11	Melton family - Legal papers	1842-1953	34 items
Folder 12	Robert Lee Bradley - Baptismal certificate, high school diploma and military discharge papers	1941-1946	4 items
Folder 13	James P. Coffman - Legal papers	1873-1908	3 items
Folder 14	James and Susan Faulkman - Letters to	1851-1865	8 items
Folder 15	Lively family - Papers	1836-1838; 1862-1878	14 items
<b>BOX 2</b>		<b>1807-1964</b>	<b>70 items</b>
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Folder 2	Abby Sellers - Incoming letters	1921-1923	17 items
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Folder 4	Cairo, Kentucky - History	n.d.	4 items
Folder 5	Miscellaneous	1837, 1860-1868; 1945-1953	10 items

## **BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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Letters, receipts, legal and financial papers of the Melton family of Henderson County, Kentucky. Also includes data about the Lively, Poole, and Strum families of Henderson County.  
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### ***SEE and SEE ALSO CARDS***

Melton, Sibbie, 1866-1923

See:

Melton, Cynthia "Sibbie" I., 1866-1923

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